



WORLD WAR II LESSON PLANS

Document List

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Unless otherwise noted, the documents listed below are available online from the Indiana Historical Society's Digital Library at <http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/digital-image-collections> (accessed Aug. 15, 2011).

Lesson 1—Belcher and Ballou: An Analysis of Two Wartime Letters

IHS Collection #SC 2353, William Forbes Belcher Papers, 1945, letter dated February 14, 1945, from Belcher to his sons Stephen and David. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: 2353_BELCHER (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Transcription of a letter from Sullivan Ballou to his wife Sarah, dated July 14, 1861. Jay Unger and Molly Mason Web site: <http://www.jayandmolly.com/ballouletter.shtml> (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 2—Cadet Norman F. Vandivier Learns to Fly

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 8, letter from Navy Air Cadet Norman Vandivier to his parents, dated July 18, 1939. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_7-18-39 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 8, letter from Navy Air Cadet Norman Vandivier to his parents, dated July 23, 1939. IHS Digital Library: M0828_BOX1_7-23-39 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 3—Carrier Pilot Norman Vandivier aboard the USS *Enterprise*

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 17, letter from Navy Air Cadet Norman Vandivier to his parents, dated September 5, 1940. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER11_9-5-1940 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 17, letter from Navy Air Cadet Norman Vandivier to his parents, dated October 14, 1940. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER11_10-14 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 4—Edging Toward War

IHS Collection# M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 12, letter from pilot Norman Vandivier to his parents, dated February 12, 1941. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER12_2-12-1941 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection# M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 12, letter from pilot Norman Vandivier to his parents, dated March 12, 1941. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER12_3-12-1941 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

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Lesson 5–Vandivier Crash and “Vacation”

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 13, Norman Vandivier’s letter from May 22, 1941. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER13_5-22-1941 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 13, Norman Vandivier’s letter from June 2, 1941. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER13_6-2-1941 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 6–Mobilization on the Home Front: Homeland Security in World War II

IHS Collection #M 0272, Frank W. Summers Papers, 1940–1960, Box 2, Folder 6, “Official Blackout and Air Raid Instructions” pamphlet. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0272_BOX2_FOLDER6_OFFICIAL (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 7–Ensign Norman F. Vandivier’s Last Letter

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 15, Vandivier’s letter of May 27, 1942. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER15_5-27-1942 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 20, letter from Lieutenant L. A. Smith, U.S. Navy, commander of VB Squadron Six, dated June 18, 1942. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER20_1942-6-18 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 8–Vandivier is Missing in Action

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 20, letter from Norman Vandivier’s father, dated June 29, 1942. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER20_1942-6-29 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection #M 0828, Vandivier Family Papers, 1839–1961, Box 1, Folder 20, letter from Tony Schneider dated October 22, 1942. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0828_BOX1_FOLDER20 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 9–Letters Home: Typical Correspondence during World War II

IHS Collection #M 0272, Frank W. Summers Papers, 1940–1960, Box 1, Folder 7, Summers’ letter of June 1, 1943. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0272_BOX1_FOLDER7_6-1-1943 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection #M 0272, Frank W. Summers Papers, 1940–1960, Box 1, Folder 8, letter from Janie Summers to her brother, Frank, from April 23, 1945. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0272_BOX1_FOLDER9_4-23-1945 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

IHS Collection #M 0272, Frank W. Summers Papers, 1940–1960, Box 1, Folder 9, Summers’ letter to Janie, December 1, 1944. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0272_BOX1_FOLDER8_12-1-1944 (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).

Lesson 10–“The Krauts Are OUT!”: Propaganda and Morale in World War II

IHS Collection #M 0272, Frank W. Summers Papers, 1940–60, Box 2, Folder 6, “The Krauts Are OUT!” booklet. IHS Digital Library, Item ID: M0272_BOX2_FOLDER6_KRAUTS (accessed Aug. 8, 2011).